

Happy New Year State Capital News Letter

BY A. L. LINDBECK Strong Stand Taken for Oregon Products by Governor Martin

SALEM—Oregon architects and Oregon officials for the new Oregon capitol is the challenge which Governor Martin has thrown into the face of the capitol reconstruction commission.

"There are plenty of brains right here in Oregon to design and supervise the new capitol without going to some other state to find an architect," the governor declared.

"Oregon also has plenty of building materials such as marble, building stone, woods of all kinds—the finest the world affords. There is no justification whatever for going outside the state to buy anything we can produce ourselves."

"It's high time we Oregonians were waking up to the fact that we live in a state rich in natural resources of all kinds and I feel that now is the time to make a start toward a program of education that will not only sell Oregon to its own citizens but to the rest of the world."

"Oregon has been a dumping ground for the surrounding states long enough—much too long in fact. As for myself I propose to use what influence I have in developing the wonderful resources God has given to us, and I'm going to give in by doing what I can to start state business to Oregon schools and make the state payrolls support Oregon families and whose taxes support the state and its numerous subdivisions."

Patrons of the 1936 State Fair will pay "four bits" to get into the grounds instead of "two bits" as has been the case in the past few years. The state board of agriculture decided at its meeting here Saturday, increase in the admission price was justified on the ground that the lower admission did not provide sufficient revenue to support the kind of a fair that people want and are entitled to.

Last week this writer intimated—based upon house rumors—that O. T. Hartwig might not be reappointed to the industrial accident commission. Also, that Jack Allen, who relinquished his seat in the state senate some six or seven months ago, might retire from public life along about the first of the new year to devote his time again to his private interests at Pendleton.

This week's budget of whisperings from old Dame Rumor has it placed it will be by one J. C. Joy, Portland democrat, and that Otto Runtz, now chief inspector for the state liquor administration, is slated to succeed Allen as administrator if and when he steps out of the picture.

Small Potato Grower Hit by New Act

All Producers Must Register for Establishment of Sales Quota

Heavy Tax Levied State May Grow Nearly 4 Million Bushels

Potato growers, whether they sell one sack or 1000 sacks, come under the provisions of the potato act, according to announcements from Washington, D. C., says county agent, W. F. Cyrus True, there is an exemption, which at the present time amounts to 50 bushels, but this exemption does not mean that a grower producing that quantity or less will not need to apply for a sales quota, he says.

Details pertaining to the program and the manner of applying for, proving and establishing sales quotas are being explained at a series of meetings being held at several points in the county this week and Monday.

Meetings Scheduled Thursday afternoon growers in the south central part of the county meet at Laurel, Friday afternoon the northeastern part of the county meets in the Cedar Mill Grange hall and on Saturday afternoon the Sherwood section meets in the Sherwood city hall.

On Monday there will be two meetings, one at Banks at 9:30 a. m. in the Royal Neighborhood hall and another at 1:30 in the afternoon in the Kinton Grange hall.

Sales quotas are established for each individual grower, using the amount of his sales on the basis of such a quota. In making application, the grower gives his statement of his sales for the years of 1932, 1933, 1934 and 1935 together with his production for the same period. He then has the privilege of exercising any one of eight options in establishing his quota.

Adult Educational Program to Start

Nine Teachers Certified to Begin Work in County Thursday

Nine Washington county teachers have been approved for the WPA educational program, which is beginning in this county Thursday. Varied subjects will be taught and instruction will be given to anyone eligible to attend the classes.

Success of the program of the teachers under the program, depends on the number enrolled and the interest shown in the classes, according to O. B. Kraus, superintendent, who is in charge.

Teachers include Carl E. Bergren, Aloha, who will teach music at Aloha; Eugene Fantetti of Sherwood, who will have a class there in Bible and Americanization; Mrs. P. O. Fyffe of Forest Grove, who will conduct classes in Forest Grove in spinning and weaving; Mrs. Nina Holbrook of Tualatin, with classes in that vicinity in Americanization.

Oregon Farm Prices Leading Nation in Speed of Recovery

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Corvallis—Opening the 1936 Oregon farm inventory campaign, the O. S. C. extension service has just issued in its monthly agricultural situation report current information on farm inventories, credit statements and farm operation budget plans. The report is closed up and new ones are being issued as they come in.

Listed in the circular are many farm management bulletins which are available from county agents, as well as farm record books, farm price outlook information and market reports that are available by mail and radio.

Protest Forces Voters to Polls on New School

Voters of nine school districts in Sherwood and vicinity will vote January 11 on the formation of a union high school district with buildings in Sherwood. The vote was ordered by the school boundary board at a meeting Saturday, when it was discovered that a protest had been filed against the petition asking the board to set up the district.

The protest petition was signed by many patrons of the Hoodview school, which is a joint district with Clackamas. O. B. Kraus, superintendent said. Patrons of the other districts, however, are reported as favorable to the school.

Under the law, a majority of the voters in all the districts must favor the measure before it can carry. In this case five districts must agree as a majority and in addition there also must be a majority of the voters in the nine districts. Kraus also called attention of voters to the law governing persons entitled to vote, as only persons whose names appear on the last assessment roll can vote legally on the establishment of the district and construction of the school.

First of the laws, and one which makes a drastic change in election procedure, is that which proposes to change the primary election from May to September. If the voters favor this law, prospective candidates need not worry about nominations for some time.

Workers Get Xmas Checks Uncle Sam, Through WPA, Has Holiday Payday

Your Uncle Sam played Santa Claus this week to 358 families in Washington county when checks for nearly 400 other families were distributed Monday to all parts of the county. A few workers had previously received checks and a few had not completed the two weeks employment entitling them to draw pay.

Persons wishing to vote on these matters must be registered with the county clerk not later than December 31 at which time the books are closed. Ed C. Luce, clerk, pointed out this week. Only persons not registered or who have moved from one precinct to another must register.

In order that none will be left out by reason of being unable to reach the courthouse before closing time between now and Tuesday night, Luce and his assistants will keep the office open from 7 to 9 o'clock the last two days of the month. However, Luce warns that those who can must register as early as possible to insure rapid registration at the last minute.

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Sewer Contracts Receive Approval

Portland Office, PWA, Puts Final OK on Plans

Contracts for the construction of a sewage disposal plant in Hillsboro and for the construction of new sewers in parts of Hillsboro now served, have been signed and turned over to C. C. Hockley, Portland, PWA engineer for Oregon, according to George McGee, city manager.

This clears all details with the government as far as the city is concerned. The contracts have received official approval and nothing more remains for city officials to do in connection with the federal grant.

Official word from Washington concerning funds to begin work is expected from the Portland office PWA, by the first of the year and construction will begin as soon as funds are available for labor payrolls and materials, McGee said.

Contractors concerned with the construction are ready to move in machinery and materials on a day's notice and it is not expected that any delay will be experienced in getting work started.

Meanwhile idle laborers, unable to get work with the emergency construction program under PWA, are anxiously awaiting word that contractors are hiring men. Selection of lists for employment will be made from the Hillsboro office of the state employment service.

County Improving Jackson Crusher

Preparations to increase the capacity and modernize the equipment of Jackson quarry, seven miles northeast of Hillsboro are under way to be completed in the next month ready for the spring run, according to Herman Kerkman, commissioner. The present machinery was installed in 1914 and probably has handled more rock than any other quarry in the county.

Registration for Election Ends Soon

Clerk to Keep Extra Hours During Last Minute Voters' Rush

Will Decide Laws Seven County Offices Must be Filled in 1936

Washington county voters will begin elections early this year when they go to the polls January 31 to vote on a number of referred laws passed by the special session of the legislature. Whether or not the state primaries follow closely on the heels of the special election, depends on the attitude of the voters in January.

Another law to be voted on is one which proposes to increase the pay of legislators, while a third one would impose a sales tax for the purpose of paying old age pensions under the social security act passed by the last legislature.

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Up to date interest in the referred laws has not been great, though there seems to be an undertone of disapproval of the sales tax, which has been voted down on other occasions.

Should the change in the primary law carry, voters will escape (Continued on page 7, column 2)

Local Produce Now Found on Nation's Menus

Delicacies for Christmas feasts from the orchards and farms of Washington county will enter into menus in all parts of the United States and many foreign countries this year and there is a wide variety to select from either fresh from the Ray-Maling grower, or canned from the cannery unit of the same company.

Complete figures, released this week by the company, show a total of 14,166 tons of products, or 28,332,000 pounds produced from Washington produce growers at a cost of \$520,349.33. The largest tonnage was in pears of which 3,543 tons were packed. Corn amounted to 2,990 tons and required 2,661 acres of fertile land for production.

Washington county was benefited through the employment at the peak season in early summer of 1192 men and women while the payroll of the institution amounted to \$262,787.07 for the year. While not all employees worked steadily throughout the entire season, incomes were provided which otherwise might not have been possible, it is pointed out.

Translated into cases, the total canned pack for the season amounted to 417,179, while 164,570 cases were packed by the Birds-eye quick frozen process. In addition to this, 1503 barrels of strawberries were sold packed, which amounts to 76,150 gallons of this fruit.

In addition to the payroll, overhead for taxes and other expenses in plant operation and price paid the producer, the company used 16,088 bags of sugar, 205,425 bags of salt and 153 carloads of cans.

Numerous improvements have been made in and around the plant, such as the installation of an automatic sprinkler system throughout all the buildings, reducing the fire hazard. West of the main building, a 60 x 150 foot (Continued on page 4, column 3)

Truck Driver Given Freedom Officials Exonerate Youth in Christensen Death

Paul C. Wilson, 19, Beaverton truck driver held following the death of Andrew J. Christensen, 62, Thursday evening, was allowed his freedom after relating his story to Coroner F. J. Sewell and G. Russell Morgan, district attorney. The truck driven by Wilson struck Christensen, snuffing out his life instantly, according to reports.

The accident took place on the Canyon road within about 200 feet of the Christensen home where Christensen was returning from a trip to the West Slope service station, where he had been to purchase a gallon of kerosene.

According to a report made by a Multnomah county deputy sheriff, who arrived soon after the accident, the time was a few minutes past six o'clock and quite dark. The man, he reported, was dressed in the usual work clothes. His visibility was clear. Wilson declared that he was unable to see Christensen until he was within 30 or 40 feet of him.

Christensen, Wilson told the district attorney, was walking near the church in the center of the highway and as he approached him to pass on the left side, Christensen appeared to change his course. The corner of the truck struck the man.

The accident report related that the driver's view was approximately 35 feet and the truck traveled (Continued on page 7, column 2)

WPA Workmen in Private Employ Relief Chairman Declares Persons on Projects Not Charity

Confusion, which has arisen in connection with workmen employed on WPA projects, seems to have caused considerable misunderstanding. R. W. Wilson, chairman of the county relief committee, said Thursday, the confusion not only exists with the average citizen, but also among the persons so recently on the relief rolls. Well pointed out.

"We want it distinctly understood," he declared, "that rulings from Washington specifically state that persons employed on WPA projects are not in any sense connected with relief or charity."

"When these persons were turned over to WPA, the responsibility of (Continued on page 4, column 3)

Highlights of Roger Babson's 1936 Outlook

Business: Ten per cent gain for year. Elections: No obstacle to recovery. Building: Beginning of boom. Labor: More "Help Wanted" signs. Stocks: Bull market not over. Farm Prices: Spotty but total income higher. Real Estate: Active year—Rents higher. Budget: Two billion dollar deficit. Bonds: High-grades at ceiling. Retail Trade: Best sales in five years. Advertising: Most profitable in years. Living Costs: Mild rise—Food bills down. Summary: Prosperity by 1937.

Santa's Double Visit Saturday Thrills Children

Children of Hillsboro and surrounding territory experienced a gala day Saturday with a double dose of Santa Claus, gifts, and a puppet show. The puppet show, presented by the Shell Oil company from its traveling theater truck, was held on the front steps of the court house. Several hundred youngsters were on hand. After the show the Shell Santa Claus passed out candy to all youngsters.

With the Shell show, and apparently featuring the program from the youngsters standpoint, were two evenings on roller-skates. The Shell employees under the masks were expert skaters and offered considerable entertainment.

In the afternoon, the Hillsboro Santa Claus again met a crowd estimated at 800 children at the corner of the court house lawn where bags of candy were passed out. The treat furnished through the chamber of commerce and the retail trades committee is an annual affair. Some 1800 bags of candy were necessary to supply children on the two Saturdays.

During the last few days before Christmas, Hillsboro stores experienced a big rush for last minute gifts. Saturday night the stores remained open until all shoppers had been satisfied. Christmas eve, streets were thronged until late in the evening with shoppers hurrying to fulfill last minute needs, keeping clerks on the hop.

At the close of the day, stocks were nearly depleted in all lines related to Christmas trade, and merchants declared that the holiday season had been one of the best experienced in recent years.

Good Christmas dinners must have been served in the community as food stocks in the grocery stores and markets dwindled rapidly Tuesday.

Semi-Annual Meet Townsendites Set

President Putnam Explains Content of McGroarty Bill

Semi-annual meeting of the local Townsend club will be at the Methodist church Sunday, with the Methodist fellowship dinner at 7 p. m. and everyone is asked to bring a covered dish, sandwiches, etc. Mrs. Arthur Palmer, chairman of the dinner committee, will have charge of all arrangements. Coffee is to be furnished by the club. Officers for the next six months are to be elected.

All Townsend clubs are asked to report their complete enrollment January 1. A special campaign for new members recently has added to the local membership. One member, Mr. Rochester, secured 28 new members last week. Every citizen of voting age is urged to register (Continued on page 4, column 4)

Carnation Company Plays Santa Claus

Fifty-one employees of the Carnation Milk company plant in Hillsboro received Christmas gifts when the company played Santa Claus just before the holiday, according to C. T. Richardson, manager. Two others, who were not working, also were remembered.

The company is closing the year with one of the best seasons since business tumbled five years ago with the price of milk nearly back to the 1930 level of \$1.65. The price for the first part of December was \$1.55. Milk prices declined steadily from 1930 to 1933 when the company was paying \$1.00 per hundred.

Gardners Win Light Contest

Fred Engeldinger Second in Annual Contest

Mr. and Mrs. John Gardner, winners of the 1934 annual Rotary club Christmas lighting contest, was adjudged first place this year by the Garden club committee in charge. The Fred Engeldinger home on Baseline was given second prize and the Henry Young Funeral Home at Sixth and Washington streets, third. Prizes were \$6 for first; \$5, second, and \$4, third.

Gardners won the contest last year also. Until this year the previous winners have been ineligible to participate, but those in charge this year opened the contest to everyone.

The Gardner lighting was in strings of colored lights in profusion across the front of the house, and in shrubbery on the house. Engeldinger's home was illuminated with wreaths and lights in all front windows in addition to the illumination on the front of the house and shrubbery. At the Young place, lights had been strung across the front and over and through the huge holly which stands in one corner.

In addition to the winners there were many other homes of the city illuminated for the contest, including the Mrs. C. E. Deichman home on Baseline and the Elmer Johnson residence on north Third avenue. At the Deichman home, besides the strings of colored lights and wreaths, a Santa Claus, a twinkling star had been placed in one corner of the porch. The work was by Edward Hurd.

Elmer Johnson this year, in addition to his extensive yard lighting which outlines the house and shrubbery, added a Santa Claus to the yard group. The Santa Claus, however, was not rain proof and was taken inside when the weather changed.

Other colorful spots were at the homes of Art Reiling, C. L. Walker, C. T. Richardson and Harry Morgan. The city hall lighting was given honorable mention.

Garden club judges were Mrs. George McGrath, Mrs. Blanche Bride and Mrs. Elmer Johnson.

Chance to Give Relics Presented

Albert Tozier and Mrs. Edith Tozier Weathered of Champcoog will be here within the next few days to assist with the collection of their historical collection, given to Washington county, which was their home and that of their family.

"Am leaving all of January free to help put Hillsboro on the map for the next few days to this collection," writes Mrs. Weathered.

Mr. Tozier will also be glad to receive any historical articles that Washington county people may wish to contribute. Several have expressed a desire to give articles of their own to this collection, which is to have permanent housing in the court house.

A meeting of the directors of the Washington County Museum and Historical society will be held at 2 p. m. January 4 at the court house.

Christmas Celebration Local Hobo Jungles Leads to Jail

Christmas celebration, which started in the hobo jungles near the Carnation condenser, ended in the county jail for at least two of the celebrants. One of them was arrested by Sheriff John Connell for larceny and the other by C. G. Freeman, chief of police, for being drunk and disorderly.

Babson Has Optimistic 1936 Views

Substantial Gains in Most Lines Predicted in Annual Outlook

Normal Times Near Election No Obstacle Recovery, is Belief

(By Roger Babson) BABSON PARK, Florida, Dec. 27—I am bullish on business for 1936. Not on any year-end since the late twenties have I felt surer than I do today that most of this year—on the basis of better business during the coming twelve months. Regardless of the elections, the tide of business is running in and nothing can stop it. When we check up on this forecast next December, I am convinced we shall find satisfactory gains in jobs, wages, sales and advertising, stocks, farm income, earnings and dividends.

Ten Per Cent Gain This, of course, would be but a continuation of the current trend. Business has been moving steadily forward during most of this year—the pace quickening as the holidays approached. The immediate outlook is satisfactory and I forecast about an 8 per cent gain for the first half of 1936 over the same period of 1935.

The second half depends on building in the automobile and producing industries. Hence, the closing months may register spectacular gains or they may be only moderately better than the tail-end of this year. For the entire twelve months, however, I forecast an increase of 10 per cent over 1935.

So by next Christmas general business, as measured by the Babson chart, should be hugging the "XY" normal line and heading into another period of prosperity.

My optimism is based largely on the beginning of a boom in the heavy industries next year. Up through mid-1935, our recovery was due principally to revival in the consumer goods and motor industries.

These lines alone were able to push our business as far as it is and no further. Additional gains waited on the slow-starting, but potent, durable goods industries as represented by building. It is here that the unemployment problem has been most severe. Beginning late in the year, however, depreciation, low interest rates, rising rents, stabilizing real estate values and returning confidence finally started the building ball rolling. It will gain momentum in the months to come and it will be the strongest force toward prosperity in the New Year.

Many people—even those who share my optimism concerning the heavy industries—are worried over the effect of the elections on business. (Continued on page 5, column 2)

Rotary Club Holds Father, Son Meet

Judge Peters Cites Self Pity as Greatest Pitfall for Anyone

Annual fathers and sons luncheon of the Hillsboro Rotary club was held today (Thursday) at the Veterans' hall with Judge R. Frank Peters as speaker. He advised the fathers to be firm with a father that will inspire their sons and command their respect and the sons were advised to honor their fathers and mothers.

Judge Peters deplored the fact that so many boys in their teens and young men are in the courts, saying that in most cases it was due to broken homes, being left alone without parents and to over-indulgent parents. He told the boys present they were fortunate in having the companionship of their fathers and mothers.

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Frank Cronin, 42, San Francisco, was identified by three persons as a man who smashed the window of the E. A. Shuman grocery store on South First avenue near by C. G. Freeman, chief of police, for being drunk and disorderly. He remained harmless though not quiet.

Father O'Keefe of Beaverton reported Thursday that two tires, tubes and rims had been taken from his garage, and also the theft of many tools from the garage of the church. All automobile tools were taken from the St. Mary's of the Valley garage.